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(REPORT FOR 1888)

THE ACTING AGENT-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION TO THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Immigration Department,
Suva, 20th August, 1889.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit for His Excellency's information the following Report upon Indian Immigration in this Colony during the year 1888.

APPLICATIONS.

2. The following applications for Indian immigrants were made for 1888:—

(1) Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Rewa .	415
(2) J. C. Smith, Baulevu, Rewa	85
	500

The original applications were for a less number, but were increased to the above upon it being known that according to the tenders received by Crown Agents the 500 could be introduced at the same price as a smaller number.

3. To satisfy this demand there were despatched from India in the ship "Hereford" 461 adults, 41 children (*i.e.*, Indian rating of under 10), and 16 infants. The following table gives these and other details of interest.

TABLE showing the number of Indian Emigrants embarked at Calcutta and landed at Nukulau Depot, Fiji; the Births and Deaths which occurred during the voyage; and those sent to Hospital on arrival, during the season 1888.

Vessel	Tonnage.	Date of		Duration of Voyage		Embarked.						Died at Sea						Landed in Fiji.							Sent to Hospital on arrival					
		Embarkation	Arrival.	No of days at sea	No. of days between Embarkation and Disembarkation	Men.	Women	Boys.	Girls	Infants	Total	Men.	Women	Boys	Girls.	Infants	Total.	Births at Sea.	Men	Women	Boys	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Men	Women.	Boys.	Girls	Infants	Total.
Hereford	1,469	15/2/88	24/4/88	66	69	330	134	32	25	16	537	1	1			1	3	*4	329	133	32	25	19	538	†1					

*All males †Died 28/5/88

MORTALITY

Mortality During Voyage.

4. The mortality at sea is represented by the low death-rate of ·55 per cent. It will be seen by statement subjoined that the voyage of the "Hereford" was one of the most successful made by Indian emigrant ships to Fiji. Her passage was of average length, and made during the usual unhealthy season, but the death-rate was, with one exception, the lowest recorded since the commencement of emigration to this Colony. The general physique of these immigrants was reported to be excellent.

Name of Vessel.	Season	Surgeon-Superintendent.	Length of Voyage in Days.	Number of Souls Embarked.	Births.	Total.	Deaths.	Rate of Mortality *per centum.*	*Mean*
Leonidas	1879	J. Welsh	72	498	1	499	19	3·80	
Berar	1882	F. C. Shaw	93	431	4	435	6	1·37	2·10
Poonah	1882	J. Welsh	81	491	2	493	14	2·83	
Poonah	1883	J. S. Hughes ...	74	518	1	519	23	4·43	2·81
Bayard	1883	W. Holman ...	86	499	3	502	6	1·19	
Syria	1884	F. C. Shaw ...	58	497	1	498	4	·80	
Howrah	1884	G. Stewart ...	78	513	6	519	18	3·46	3·19
Pericles ...	1884	E. Noots . .	54	487	...	487	25	5·13	
Newnham	1884	P. Hughes ...	38	592	3	595	20	3·36	
Main	1885	W. Ireland... ...	72	723	2	725	2	·27	1 79
Ganges	1885	J. M. Laing ...	76	540	1	541	18	3·32	
Boyne	1886	J. M. Laing ...	73	549	6	555	19	3·42	2 46
The Bruce ...	1886	F. Hasard	70	463	2	465	7	1·50	
Hereford ...	1888	J. M. Laing ...	69	537	4	541	3	·55	

Allotment.

5. The "Hereford" immigrants were allotted as follows:—

Allottee		Adults.			Non-Adults.			Total Souls Allotted
		At full Cost of Introduction.	Free of Charge.	Total.	Male.	Female	Total.	
Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited.)	Nausori ...	222	*2	224	19	16	35	259
Do, do.	Ba .	77	.....	77	9	7	16	93
Do. do.	Nakadi ...	42	.....	42	4	3	7	49
Do. do.	Naitasiri	41	.....	41	4	4	8	49
C. Smith	Baulevu...	77	.....	77	7	4	11	88
	Total ...	459	2	461	43	34	77	538

* Two women who were at first "set aside" by the Medical Inspector but were subsequently allotted.

A few immigrants usually arrive whose physique or condition of health renders them unfit for the immediate performance of service under indenture. Such immigrants are "set aside" by the Medical Inspector, and are kept for a time in the Depot or Public Hospital. Subsequently they are either rejected altogether or allotted under special conditions; no payment being required of the employer on account of "Introduction Charges," or payment only of a moiety thereof, as the case may be. Such immigrants are necessarily a burden on the "Indian Immigrants Introduction Fund."

6. The proportion *per centum* of females to males among the "Hereford" immigrants was as follows:—

Adults.		Rate *per centum* Adults.	Children and Infants.		Rate *per centum* Children.	Rate of All Ages *per centum*.
Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.		
329	133	40·42	43	34	79·06	44·89

7. The dissatisfaction on the part of employers of Indian immigrants with the proportion of female to male immigrants arriving in the Colony has been referred to in a previous Report; but in the case of the "Hereford" an additional grievance was found in the unusually large number of single women with large families who arrived by that vessel. There were 34 women unaccompanied by husbands, who brought altogether 51 children, all very young, excepting 7, who were small children, but of ages which classed them as *statutory adults*. Three of the women had each three children, and two had each four children. The prospect of women under such conditions earning a livelihood by their own personal exertions is faint in the extreme; and it appears unlikely that men will form alliances with them, burdened as they are with so many children, whose maintenance falls entirely upon the parents after 12 months' residence. At the end of 12 months, the mothers, unassisted by husbands, find it impossible to put away any money after supplying their own wants and those of their children, still too young to work. Under such circumstances these women are prone to resort to means of livelihood which render them independent of the employment secured to them by indenture, and, moreover, result in their becoming unfit for it. They are soon confirmed non-workers, frequent inmates of the hospital and the gaol—a serious expense at first, and afterwards a source of much trouble and inconvenience to their managers. It is not surprising, therefore, that their arrival should afford no satisfaction to employers who paid £23 6s. *per caput* for their cost of introduction and find them mere encumbrances on the estate. The condition of such people is not improved by emigration to Fiji: a consideration which should form sufficient grounds for discouraging their engagement for this Colony.

The proportion of children of single women to other children, ex "Hereford," was 157·14 per cent., *i.e.*, 44 out of the 72 non-adults sent from Calcutta were children of single women.

8. The following statement shows the number of the indentured Indian immigrants in the Colony on the 1st January, 1888, and the number introduced by the "Hereford" on 24th April, 1888, their distribution over the various estates, and the births and deaths which have been recorded upon each plantation.

Indian Immigrants and Estates Employing them under Indenture during 1888.

Employer.		Indentured Immigrants on 1st January, 1888.						Introduced by "Hereford," 24th April, 1888.						Total.	Births.		Total.	Birth-rate per centum.	Deaths, 1888.							Death-rate per centum.	Remarks.
		Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants. Introduced.	Infants. Born in Fiji.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants. Males.	Infants. Females.		Males.	Females.			Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants. Males.	Infants. Females.	Total.		
Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Rewa.	Vucimaca ...	126	51	13	1	4	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	214	1	3	218	2·26	4	3	...	..	...	2	9	4·12	Average Death-rate on indentured immigrants, exclusive of those ex "Hereford" 2·62 per centum.
Do. do.	Nausori	423	153	25	24	2	42	...	...	...	..	...	..	669	10	10	689	3·47	7	7	...	...	3	1	18	2·61	
Do. do.	Navuso ..	179	71	30	29	..	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	345	3	6	354	3·60	2	1	...	...	2	1	6	1·69	
Do. do.	Nakoroqaqa	56	18	5	4	.	11	...	...	...	...	...	..	94	...	...	94	..	2	2	...	...	1	1	6	6·38	
Do. do.	Naitasiri ...	191	72	15	6	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	..	297	2	3	302	1·90	3	2	...	...	1	1	7	2·31	
Do. do.	Viria	169	55	15	11	5	25	..	...	...	...	...	..	280	5	3	288	3·57	7	2	1	...	4	1	15	5·20	
Do. do., Ba ..	Rarawai ...	561	220	64	44	...	52	...	...	...	..	..	...	941	17	21	979	4·86	*7	7	...	...	4	3	21	2·14	
Rewa Sugar Co.	Koronivia ...	242	92	25	21	...	23	..	...	...	..	...	..	403	9	10	422	5·68	7	2	..	...	...	3	12	2·84	
Do.	Ulnicalia ..	21	6	..	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	1	30	3·70	1	1	...	..	1	..	3	10·00	
J. C. Smith	Baulevu .	70	25	4	3	...	14	...	...	..	...	..	..	116	3	2	121	5·26	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	1·65	
Wm. Orr	Viti ..	31	16	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	..	...	..	52	2	2	56	8·51	2	..	1	..	..	...	3	5·35	
C. L. Sahl & Co.	Muanaweni	50	19	6	1	...	6	...	...	..	...	.	...	82	3	.	85	4·34	...	2	..	...	1	...	3	3·52	
Fiji Sugar Co.	Tamanua ...	332	130	38	30	...	38	...	...	...	.	..	..	568	8	2	578	2·16	7	6	1	...	3	1	18	3·11	
Deuba Estate Sugar Co. ..	Deuba ..	107	40	9	5	...	16	...	...	...	..	..	...	177	..	..	177	..	3	2	.	...	.	..	5	2·82	
C. B. Chalmers	Penang .	31	12	1	2	..	4	...	...	...	...	.	..	50	2	...	52	4·65	...	1	...	..	1	...	2	3·84	
Mortgage and Agency Co. .	Ellington	50	17	4	4	..	4	...	...	...	..	.	...	79	2	1	82	4·47	1	...	...	..	...	...	1	1·21	
Taviuni Sugar Co. ..	Holmhurst	†67	18	9	4	..	4	..	...	...	..	..		102	1	...	103	1·17	...	2	...	...	...	..	2	1·94	
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.	Alpha ...	18	8	2	3	..	3	..	...	...	..	.	.	34	.	1	35	3·84	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	
	Sellalevu .	42	17	4	4	...	5	...	...	...	..	.		72	...	..	72	.	...	..	...	...	...	1	1	1·38	
F. W. Armstrong	Brighton ..	7	3	...	..	...	2	...	...	...	..	...	..	12	1	...	13	10·00	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	
F. Harley	Vunicibicibi	8	5	3	...	...	4	...	...	..	.	.		20	...	...	20	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rabi Plantation Co. ..	Rabi	29	10	2	1	...	4	..	...	...		..	.	46	1	...	47	2·56	...	1	...	...	..	...	1	2·12	
Mago Island Co.	Mago ..	11	4	1	1	.		..	..	...	.	..	.	17	...	...	17	...	..	.	...	...	..	..	..	...	
Town Board ..	Suva	9	3	.	...	..	1	.	..	..	...	.		13	...	...	13	.	1	...	...	..	1	..	2	15·38	
Geo. Smith	Levuka ...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	...	...	1	.	...	..	..	...	...	.	...	...	
Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Rewa.	Nausori...	...	.	...	...	...	...	163	61	15	13	4	3	259	4	3	266	3·12	6	2	3	1	1	1	14	5·26	Average Death-rate of "Hereford" immigrants for 8 months including 1 who died unindentured 4·73 per centum.
Do. do.	Nakadi ..	...		...	...	..	...	29	13	2	2	2	1	49	1	...	50	2·38	1	...	1	1	...	...	3	6·00	
Do. do.	Naitasiri .	..	..	...	...	...	..	29	12	3	3	1	1	49	1	..	50	2·43	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Do. do., Ba...	Rarawai .	..	.	..	...	.	..	52	25	6	5	3	2	93	2	...	95	2·59	3	1	3	1	...	...	8	8·42	
J. C. Smith ...	Baulevu ...	..	.	..	...	...	...	55	22	7	3		1	88	..	...	88	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		2,831	1,065	277	199	12	329	328	133	33	26	10	8	5,251	78	68	5,397	...	66	44	10	3	23	16	162		

* One died at Suva hospital. † 14 reindentured 7th November, 1887, for 6 months.

N.B.—In this Table the Birth-rates are struck on adults only, and the Death-rates on total population on each plantation.

Births.

9. Births recorded during 1888 compare with the three previous years as follows, viz.:—

	Males	Females.	Total
In 1888	78	68	146
1887	75	86	161
1886	62	34	96
1885	37	41	78

10. The reported are no doubt below the actual number of births. Besides those which occur on plantations, and are not reported, a number occur among the somewhat large number of free coolies now scattered over the group, to whom the registration laws are as "a dead letter;" three births only having been recorded (besides those shown above) by unindentured coolies.

11. Of the infants born in 1888, males 16 and females 10 died during the year, showing infantile mortality to have been 17·80 per cent.

12. The birth-rate for the year among the indentured adult coolie population is found to be 3·35 per cent.

Among the "Hereford" immigrants 11 births were recorded.

Prematurely and still-born infants have not been taken into account in the above calculations.

Marriages.

13. Nine marriages were registered as having been celebrated between coolies during the year. Of these, eight were performed by minister of the Church of England and one by a minister of the Wesleyan Church.

Deaths.

14. The table shown in paragraph 8 includes the deaths of 26 infants born during the year. Two of these were children of coolies introduced per "Hereford." The death-rate has been struck upon the total indentured Indian population and their children (4,713) in the Colony on the 1st of January.

15. The death-rate accordingly is found to compare with previous years as follows, viz.:

Death-rate, 1888	2·39
" 1887	2·08
" 1886	5·61
" 1885	4·19
" 1884	5·00

The death-rate upon the "Hereford" immigrants appears to be 4·73, and this is for some 8 months only.

16. The following comparative figures may be interesting.

Death-rate, 1888–

Europeans.	Fijians.	Indentured Indians.
1·60 per cent.	3·05 per cent.	2·39 per cent.

17. The mortality among indentured adults was as follows:—

Males	...	56 died out of		2,831
Females	...	41	„ „	1,065
		97		3,896

Showing a death-rate of 2·48 per cent.

18. The percentage of deaths of infants born during the year was as follows:—

"Hereford" coolies (2)	...	18·18
Other coolies (24)	... ...	17·77

The total mortality among infants was—

Males		Females		Total
23	...	16	...	39

The death-rate on the infant population on 1st January, 1888, viz., 13 out of a total of 341 is found to be 3·81 *per centum.*

To the carelessness and indifference of parents is still to be attributed, I believe, the larger proportion of infant deaths. There is grave suspicion that two infants were suffocated by their mother.

An Ordinance is now before Council, which provides for the supply of ⅓ rations to children of 5 years and under, or a ration of milk during the first year of indenture of parents, and at any subsequent time if directions are so given by the Medical Inspector or Agent-General.

19. The following table shows the causes of death among indentured immigrants and their children, and includes the 26 children born during the year.

Diseases of Respiratory Organs	Dysentery.	Diarrhœa.	Fevers and Eruptive Diseases	Anœmia and Debility.	Drowning.	Other Accidents and Violence.	Executed.	Suicide.	Other Causes.	Total.
27	22	13	10	51	7	10	1	2	19	162

I find that 15 deaths occurred among unindentured immigrants from the following causes, viz.:—

Drowning, 2; murdered, 1; respiratory organs, 3; anœmia and debility, 3; dysentery, 2; other causes, 4.

Plantation and Labour.

20. As the Immigration Office was not handed over to me in the customary official manner, I experienced many extra difficulties in acquainting myself with necessary details. The amalgamation of this office, the staff of which had been already reduced, with that of the Receiver-General took place in March of this year, and I found it only practicable to keep current work in proper form, and begin an attack on the long arrears I found awaiting me. Inspection was made by Mr. H. Hunter and Mr. Thomson.

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The following tables have been prepared by Mr. Sub-Agent Forster and Mr. Coates, and show the average daily wages earned, and the average number of days worked and lost, &c., &c., by Indian immigrants, under original indenture, during each quarter of the year, upon the following plantations, viz. :—

1. Selialevu, island of Taviuni.
2. Holmhurst, do.
3. Alpha, do.
4. Rambi, do.
5. Tamanua, Navua, Vitilevu.
6. Deuba, Serua, Vitilevu.
7. Rarawai, Ba, Vitilevu.
8. Vuni Samaloa, Ba, Vitilevu.
9. Varoko, Ba, Vitilevu.
10. Ellington, Ra, Vitilevu.
11. Penang, Rakiraki, Vitilevu.

With the exception of Alpha and Rambi, the cultivation on all these estates is sugar-cane. The wages of sirdars, cooks, hospital attendants, watchmen, domestic servants, horseboys, and the earnings of immigrants who are not under indenture, are not included. Saturdays have been accounted as half days, and Sundays are omitted.

The duties connected with quarantine of coolies, ex "Moy," further reduced my diminished staff; and this Report has been long delayed in consequence of my being unable to obtain the statistics now submitted. To avoid a longer delay I make no further comment, except that the tables referred to are self-explanatory, and show an improvement on former years.

21. Comparative Statement of four Plantations in Cakaudrove District.

Plantation	Average Daily Wages earned throughout year				Percentage of Work and Absence.							
					Work.		Absence, Lawful.		Absence, Unlawful.		Non-work	
	M.		F.		M	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M	F.
	No.	d.	No.	d.								
Selialevu	37	11·67	16	6·79	90·23	78·02	5·13	15·62	4·64	6·33	9·77	21·98
Holmhurst	47	10·31	17	4·95	84·31	59·41	7·01	24·51	8·68	16·08	15·69	40·59
Alpha	15	10·33	8	6·22	87·03	71·77	.	..	.		12·97	28·83
Rambi ..	18	8·78	7	4·16		.	.	..				

NOTE.—Lawful Absence. Absence through sickness, bad weather, leave, holidays; and for females—through pregnancy and nursing. Unlawful Absence includes absence from work by truancy, detention in gaol, or attendance at court (this, however, is often lawful though not separated)

AVERAGE

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) employed under original Indenture on the Selialevu Estate, during the year 1888.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.				Females.				Percentage on Whole Period.			Remarks.
		Number.	Average number of Working-days			Number.	Average number of Working-days			Analysis of Work and Absence	Males.	Females.	
			Worked by each.	Lost by each by			Worked by each.	Lost by each by					
				Unlawful Absence, Gaol, Court, &c., &c.	Bad Weather, Leave, Sickness, &c., &c.			Unlawful Absence, Gaol, Court, &c., &c.	Bad Weather, Leave, Sickness, Pregnancy, &c., &c.				
First Quarter ...	71½	37	66·94	2·11	2·45	16	61	2·90	7·60	At Work ...	90·23	78·02	One woman in Lunatic Asylum not included.
Second do. ...	71½	37	63·65	3·86	3·99	16	53·50	6·22	11·78	Unlawful Absence, Gaol, Court, &c., &c.	4·64	6·33	
Third do. ...	71½	37	64·77	4·09	2·64	16	58·56	4·75	8·19				
Fourth do. ...	72½	37	63·66	3·24	5·65	16	50·88	4·28	17·34	Sickness, Leave, Bad Weather (and for Females, Pregnancy and Nursing).	5·13	15·65	
Whole Year ...	287	37	258·97	13·31	14·72	16	223·94	18·15	44·91				

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) employed under original Indenture on Selialevu, an estate owned by the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited), in the district of Taviuni.

Period.	Number of Working-days in period.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for Whole Number.								Remarks.
		Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.				
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	
			d.		d.		d.			d.		d.		d.			d.		d.		d.		d.	
First Quarter . . .	71½	19	13·07	18	10·58	.		...	.	...	14	7·30	2	2·70	...	37	11·86	37	11·86	16	6·72	16	6·72	The earnings in mill and from overtime are included as not separable. The mill worked at intervals throughout the year.
Second do. ...	71½	4	13·77	30	10·35	3	5·51	.	3	9·80	8	7·56	5	3·49		37	10·33	37	10·33	16	6·71	16	6·71	
Third do. .	71½	21	13·45	15	10·80	1	6·75		1	10·11	14	7·26	1	·07		37	12·24	37	12·24	16	7	16	7	
Fourth do	72½	19	13·59	18	10·80	...	.		1	10·70	12	7·71	2	3·18	1	37	12·24	37	12·24	16	6·75	15	7·22	
Whole Year	287					.	.	..	.	.	...		.	.	...	37	11·67	37	11·67	16	6·79	15·75	6·90	

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff), employed under original Indenture on the Holmhurst Estate, during the year 1888.

Period	Number of Working days	Males								Females								Percentage on Whole Period.		
		Number	Average number of Days							Number	Average number of Days							Analysis of Work and Absence.	Males	Females
			Worked by each	Lost by each by							Worked by each	Lost by each by								
				Hospital	Gaol	Absence	Bad Weather	Court	Holiday			Hospital	Absence	Bad weather	Court	Holiday	Pregnancy, Nursing, or Unfitness			
First Quarter .	71½	47	60·15	2·71	3 97	2 53	1 79	·35	...	18	44·72	8·03	10·14	1 55	·45		6 61	At Work	84·31	59·41
Second do.	71½	47	61 22	3·02	1 27	4·86	94	·19	...	17·67	44·28	3·62	10 02	1 22	·22	.	12 14	In Hospital ..	3 82	8·53
Third do ...	71½	47	61·84	1·87	77	3 35	3 34	33		16 68	41·75	5 90	11·96	8·26	06	..	8 57	In Gaol .. .	2·87	..
Fourth do. ...	72½	47	58·75	3·37	2·23	4·47	2·13	59	·96	16	39 31	6 97	13 44	4 28	09	·81	7·60	Absent	5·30	15·78
Whole Year	287	47	241·96	10·97	8·24	15 21	8·20	1·46	96	17 08	170 50	24·50	45 30	10 09	85	76	35	Deterred by Bad Weather.	2·86	3·52
																		Holiday .	33	27
																		Court ...	·51	30
																		Pregnancy and Nursing and Unfitness	..	12 19

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) employed under original Indenture, on Holmhurst, an estate owned by the Taviuni Sugar Company, in the district of Taviuni.

Period.	Number of Working-days in period.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for whole number.								Remarks.
		Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.				
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	
			d.		d.		d.			d.		d.		d.			d.		d.		d.		d.	
First Quarter	71½	8	13·86	35	10·39	3	3·49	1		.	10	7·10	6	3·20	2	47	10·32	46	10·54	18	5·00	16	5·64	
Second do. ...	71½	9	13·11	31	10·59	7	5·29	...	1	10·07	10	7·33	3	4·32	3·67	47	10·25	47	10·25	17·67	5·35	14	6·88	1 woman died in June.
Third do. ..	71½	8	13·26	32	10·69	7	5·59	...	...	..	10	6·68	5	3·44	1·68	47	10·36	47	10·36	16·68	5·03	15	5·60	1 woman died in Sept.
Fourth do. ..	72½	11	13·63	27	10·61	9	5·40	...	...	. .	7	5·83	8	3·40	1	47	10·32	47	10·32	16	4·25	15	4·53	
Whole Year ...	287	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	47	10·31	46·75	10·37	17·08	4·95	15	5·64	

AVERAGE

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) employed under original Indenture on the Alpha Estate, during the year 1888.

Period	Number of Working-days in period	Males			Females			Percentage on Whole Period			Remarks
		Number	Average number of Working-days: Worked by each	Average number of Working-days: Lost by each through lawful or unlawful Absence	Number	Average number of Working-days: Worked by each	Average number of Working-days: Lost by each through lawful or unlawful Absence	Analysis of Work and Absence	Males	Females	
First Quarter .	71½	15	61 84	9·66	8	55 44	16 06				
Second do ...	71½	15	62 34	9·16	8	52 06	19 44				
Third do. .	71½	15	61 74	9 76	8	51 69	19·81	Work	87 03	71·17	One man in gaol the whole year is not included
Fourth do . .	72½	15	63·87	8 63	8	45·06	27·44	Absence (lawful or unlawful)	12 97	28·83	
Whole Year	287	15	249 77	37·23	8	204·25	82·75				

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) employed under original Indenture on Alpha, an estate owned by the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited) in the district of Taviuni.

Period.	Number of Working-days in period.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Earnings for Whole Number.								Remarks.
		Workers whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Workers whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.				
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		
		Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.		Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.		Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	
			d		d		d.			d.		d		d.			d.		d.		d.		d.	
First Quarter	71½			14	9·76	1	7·80		..	...	7	7·48	1	1·58		15	9·65	15	9·65	8	6·75	8	6 75	One man in gaol the whole year not included. Wages for special work in tea-house, &c., &c., not separated.
Second do	71½		..	13	10 40	2	5·87		...	..	7	6 82	1	3·10		15	10·01	15	10·01	8	6·37	8	6·37	
Third do.	71½	1	12·33	13	10·32	1	7·66		...	...	5	7·36	3	4·30		15	10·26	15	10·26	8	6·20	8	6·20	
Fourth do	72½	5	15·10	8	10 11	2	7 48		...		5	7	3	3 09	.	15	11·40	15	11·40	8	5·56	8	5·56	
Whole Year	287		.				...	..	..				...		.	15	10·33	15	10·33	8	6·22	8	6 22	

AVERAGE

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) employed under original Indenture on Rabi, an estate owned by the Rambi Plantation Company, in the district of Cakaudrove.

Period.	Number of Working-days in period.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for Whole Number.								Remarks.
		Workers whose individual Earnings averaged							Workers whose individual Earnings averaged							Males.				Females.				
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.		No Work and no Wages.	9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d per diem.		No Work and no Wages.	Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		
		Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.		Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.		Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	Number.	Average.	
			d.		d.		d.			d.		d.		d.			d.		d.		d.		d.	
First Quarter ...	71½	1	13·69	7	10·44	11	5·18	...	..	...	...	...	7	3·38	..	19	7·52	19	7·52	7	3·38	7	3·38	
Second do.	71½	1	12·25	9	10·09	7	6·36	1	..	..	3	5	4	3·40	.	18	8·20	17	8·68	7	4·30	7	4·30	The table of Work and Absence cannot be compiled for lack of information in pay-list.
Third do. ..	71½	4	12·54	10	10·54	4	5·75	..	...	...	4	5·50	3	3·38	...	18	9·92	18	9·92	7	4·66	7	4·66	
Fourth do.	72½	2	12·91	10	11·04	6	5·85	.	..	.	3	6·04	3	3·91	1	18	9·50	18	9·50	7	4·27	6	4·98	
Whole Year ...	287	.	..			..	.	.			.	..			.	18·25	88·78	18	8·90	7	4·16	6·74	4·32	

AVERAGE number of days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff and those regularly employed in Mill) under original Indenture to the Tamunua Estate, during 1888.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males. Number.	Males. Average number of Days: Worked by each	Males. Lost by each by: Hospital.	Gaol.	Absence.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Court.	Mill.	Females. Number.	Females. Average number of Days: Worked by each.	Females. Lost by each by: Hospital.	Gaol.	Absence.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Court.	Pregnancy and Nursing.
First Quarter	71½	300	62·40	2·16	3·49	1·15	·95	...	·01	1·34	136	55·65	3·70	...	5·43	90	. .	·01	5·81
Second do.	71½	267	62·06	3·25	2·13	1·30	·95	...	·02	1·79	127	52·45	6·25	·36	3·94	·86	...	·02	7·65
Third do.	71½	200	56·22	5·85	1·84	·87	...	...	...	6·72	100	54·28	6·19	. .	4·18		. .		6·85
Fourth do.	66	183	47·43	3·96	2·46	·18	...	2·77	...	9·20	88	44·30	4·83	...	7 17	.	2·86		6·84
Whole Year	280½	...	228·11	15·22	9·92	3·50	1·90	2·77	·03	19·05	...	206·65	20·97	·36	20·72	1·76	2 86	·03	27·15

Percentage on Whole Period. Analysis of Work and Absence.	Males.	Females.
At Work in Field.	81·27	73·68
In Hospital ...	5·39	7·48
In Gaol ...	3·52	·13
Absent	1·21	7 38
Deterred by Bad Weather.	·65	·62
Holiday ...	1·03	1·02
Court.	·01	·01
Pregnancy or Nursing.	...	9·68
Mill	6·92	...
	100·00	100·00

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff and mill-hands) under original Indenture on Tamunua, an estate owned by the Fiji Sugar Company (Limited), in the Navua District.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for Whole Period.							
		Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.			
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.	
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily Average.		Number.	Daily Average.	Number.	Daily Average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.
First Quarter	71½	49	12·69	131	10·14	105	5·83	15	2	9·86	64	6·82	55	3·53	15	300	8·54	285	8·93	136	4·78	121	5·37
Second do.	71½	34	12·97	135	10·16	86	5·90	12	5	9·36	63	5·84	41	3·40	18	267	8·59	255	9·05	127	4·37	109	5·08
Third do.	71½	63	15·63	51	10·30	70	4·32	16	1	9·43	47	6·47	36	3·99	16	200	9·18	184	9·98	100	4·48	84	5·34
Fourth do.	66	58	17·82	40	11·29	71	4·39	14	2	9·72	38	6·80	33	3·06	15	183	9·64	169	10·75	88	4·53	73	5·04
Whole Year	280½	..	...	.	...	...	..	..	...	.	...	...	...	..	..	...	8·98	..	9·68	...	4·56	...	5·29

ABSTRACT

ABSTRACT from "Mill Pay-List," Tamunua Estate, from 3rd February to 28th December, 1888.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Average Daily Earnings.						For Whole Period.		For Eleven Months.	
		Less than 1s. per diem.		1s. per diem and over.		1s. 3d. per diem and over.		Number.	Average Amount Earned.	Number.	Amount.
		Number.		Number.		Number.					
First Quarter	49½	.....	.....	17	12·24	.....	.....	17	12·24	.....	.....
Second do.	71½	29	10·83	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	10·83	.....	.....
Third do.	71½	.....	.....	35	12·59	21	15·43	56	13·68	.....	.....
Fourth do.	71½	.....	.....	24	12·84	28	17·59	52	15·42	.....	.....
Whole Year	264	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40·29	13·64

AVERAGE

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture to the Deuba Estate, during 1888.

Period	Number of Working-days.	Males								Females									
		Number	Average number of Days							Number	Average number of Days								
			Worked by each.	Lost by each by							Worked by each.	Lost by each by							
				Hospital.	Gaol.	Absence	Bad Weather.	Court.	Holiday.			Hospital	Gaol.	Absence	Bad Weather.	Court.	Holiday.	Pregnancy or Nursing.
First Quarter ...	70½	100	63·11	6·43	29	·62	...	·05	...	41	55·28	14·22	·05	·95	...	.	...	..
Second do. ...	66	99	58·23	3·93	·74	3·06	..	·04	..	39	47·74	13·95	...	4·26	...	·05	...	...
Third do. ...	71½	93	62·75	6·11	·12	2·52	..	...	...	37	55·42	11·97	...	4·11	...	...	...	...
Fourth do. ...	81½	78	69·43	7·09	·71	4·27	...	...	...	31	64·58	8·02	...	8·90	...	...	...	...
Whole Year ...	289½	...	253·42	23·56	1·86	10·47	...	·09	..	...	223·02	48·16	·05	17·22	...	·05	...	..

Analysis of Work and Absence.	Percentage on Whole Period. Males.	Females
At Work	87·65	76·95
In Hospital	8·11	16·86
In Gaol	·66	·02
Absent	3·55	6·16
Deterred by Bad Weather.	...	...
Holiday	.	..
Court	·03	·01
Pregnancy or Nursing	...	..
	100·00	100·00

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture on Deuba, an estate owned by the Dueba Sugar Company, in the Serua district.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for whole period.							
		Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.			
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.	
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.
First Quarter	70½	5	12·98	62	10·21	31·40	4·40	2	1	11·06	21	7·35	14	3·54	5	100	8·36	98	8·53	41	5·21	36	5·94
Second do.	66	3	14·26	57	9·67	38	5·63	1	1	15·09	19	7·03	16	2·78	3	99	8·16	98	8·23	39	5·35	36	5·86
Third do.	71½	13	13·24	54	9·85	25	5·59	2	2	13·03	18	6·30	13	2·81	4	94	9·08	92	9·27	37	4·79	33	5·37
Fourth do.	81½	31	13·74	33	10·46	14	6·05	1	2	13·47	24	7·12	3	3·85	2	78	10·78	98	10·78	31	6·75	29	7·21
Whole Year	289½	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9·25	...	9·37	..	4·63		6·01

AVERAGE

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture to the Rarawai Estate, Ba River, during first Six Months of the year 1888.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males. Number.	Males. Average number of Days Worked by each.	Males. Lost by each by Hospital.	Males. Lost by each by Gaol.	Males. Lost by each by Absence.	Males. Lost by each by Bad Weather.	Males. Lost by each by Holiday.	Males. Lost by each by Court.	Females. Number.	Females. Average number of Days Worked by each.	Females. Lost by each by Hospital.	Females. Lost by each by Gaol.	Females. Lost by each by Absence.	Females. Lost by each by Bad Weather.	Females. Lost by each by Holiday.	Females. Lost by each by Court.	Females. Lost by each by Pregnancy or Nursing
First Quarter ...	66	341	54·20	2·83	2·59	6·37	...	...	·01	144	40·73	3·46	2·39	9·75	...	...	...	9·69
Second do. ...	77	335	62·98	3·37	3·61	7·01	...	...	·03	143	51·97	4·44	2·08	6·82	...	...	...	11·69
Total ...	143	...	117·18	6 20	6·20	13·38	...	...	·04	...	92·70	7·90	4·47	16·57	...	...	...	21·38

Analysis of Work and Absence.	Percentage on Whole Period. Males.	Percentage on Whole Period. Females.
At Work	81·96	64·61
In Hospital	4·34	5·50
In Gaol	4·29	3·16
Absent	9·38	11·82
Deterred by Bad Weather.	.	...
Holiday	...	...
Court	·03	...
Pregnancy or Nursing	...	14·91
	100·00	100·00

WAGES earned during the first Six Months of the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture, on Rarawai, an estate owned by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited) in the Ba District.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for Whole Period.							
		Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.			
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.	
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.
First Quarter	66	92	13·87	166	10·37	69	5·05	14	7	9·46	68	7·06	48	2·76	21	341	9·81	327	10·24	144	4·71	123	5·52
Second do.	77	74	13·90	181	10·35	68	4·92	12	7	9·58	72	6·88	38	2·30	26	335	9·66	323	10·02	143	4·60	117	5·62
Total	143	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	9·73	.	10·12	..	4·65	.	5·56

AVERAGE

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture to the Vuni Samaloa Estate, during the first Six Months of the year 1888.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.								Females									Percentage on Whole Period.		
		Number.	Average number of Days							Number.	Average number of Days								Analysis of Work and Absence.	Males.	Females.
			Worked by each.	Lost by each by							Worked by each.	Lost by each by									
				Hospital.	Gaol	Absence.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Court.			Hospital.	Gaol.	Absence.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Court.	Pregnancy or Nursing.			
First Quarter ...	66	110	59·59	3·18	1·65	1·36	...	...	·22	48	48·54	9 31	1·79	..	...	...	·02	6·34	At Work	91·02	72·53
																			In Hospital	4·86	11·83
																			In Gaol	1·87	·53
																			Absent	1·86	2·73
Second do. ..	77	112	70·56	3·76	1·02	1·31	...	...	·35	46	55·17	7·61	·76	2 11	...	...	·13	11·22	Deterred by Bad Weather	...	...
																			Holiday	...	...
																			Court	·39	·10
																			Pregnancy or Nursing ...	...	12·28
Total... ...	143	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	. .		100·00	100·00

WAGES earned during the first Six Months of the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture on Vuni Samaloa, an estate owned by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited), in the Ba District.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for Whole Period.							
		Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.			
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.	
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.
First Quarter	66	19	15·18	75	10·65	15	5·32	1	3	11·75	31	7·79	9	1·74	5	110	10·57	109	10·67	48	6·09	43	6·80
Second do.	77	21	13·97	80	10·67	11	6·51	...	2	12·50	31	7·87	8	2·46	5	112	10·88	112	10·88	46	6·27	41	7·05
Total	143	.	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	.		..	..	...	.	...	10·74	...	10·79	...	6·18	..	6·92
AVERAGE																							

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture to the Varoko Estate, during 1888.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.								Females.								
		Number.	Average number of Days							Number.	Average number of Days							
			Worked by each.	Lost by each by							Worked by each.	Lost by each by						
				Hospital.	Gaol.	Absence.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Court.			Hospital.	Gaol.	Absence.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Court.	Pregnancy or Nursing.
First Quarter ...	66	85	46	6·42	8·51	4·33	...	...	·74	27	43·56	4·77	5·08	5·48	...	...	·78	6·33
Second do. .	77	87	60·24	4·32	7·89	4·49	...	..	·06	29	57·28	5·65	2·52	5·17	...	...	...	6·38
Third do. ...	77	114	60·99	4·49	6·92	4·56	...	...	·04	42	57·38	9·34	1·05	6·04	...	...	·05	3·14
Fourth do. ...	67½	113	54·57	3·04	4·88	4·00	...	·91	·10	42	51·19	5·71	·81	5·45	...	·93	·22	3·19
Whole Year ...	287½	...	221·80	18·27	28·20	17·38	...	·91	·94	...	209·41	25·47	9·46	22·14	...	·93	1·05	19·04

Percentage on Whole Period.		
Analysis of Work and Absence.	Males.	Females.
At Work	77·15	72·84
In Hospital ...	6·34	8·86
In Gaol	9·81	3·29
Absent	6·05	7·71
Deterred by Bad Weather.	.	
Holiday .. .	·32	·32
Court	·33	·36
Pregnancy or Nursing.	.	6·62
	100·00	100·00

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture on Varoko, an estate owned by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited), in the Ba District.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.							Females.							Daily average of Wages for Whole Period.							
		Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose daily Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.			
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.	
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.
First Quarter	66	2	12·66	39	9·87	36	5·10	8	3	9·06	11	6·55	10	2·71	3	85	6·99	77	7·72	27	4·68	24	5·26
Second do.	77	11	12·12	56	9·67	12	4·65	8	4	9·66	17	7·51	7	3·19	1	87	8·41	79	9·26	29	6·50	28	6 73
Third do. . . .	77	28	14·06	59	9·86	20	4·46	7	6	9·58	23	6·11	11	3·14	2	114	9·23	107	9·83	42	6·12	40	6·43
Fourth do.	67½	14	13·97	69	9 81	20	5·95	10	7	9·41	24	7·41	7	3·79	4	113	8·79	103	9·65	42	6·44	38	7·12
Whole Year	287½	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	8·34	...	9·12		5·94	...	6·33

AVERAGE

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indendure to the Ellington Estate, during 1888.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males. Number.	Males. Average number of Days Worked by each.	Males. Lost by each by Hospital	Males. Lost by each by Gaol.	Males. Lost by each by Absence.	Males. Lost by each by Bad Weather.	Males. Lost by each by Court.	Males. Lost by each by Holiday.	Females. Number.	Females. Average number of Days Worked by each	Females. Lost by each by Hospital.	Females. Lost by each by Gaol.	Females. Lost by each by Absence.	Females. Lost by each by Bad Weather.	Females. Lost by each by Court.	Females. Lost by each by Holiday.	Females. Lost by each by Pregnancy and Nursing.
First Quarter ...	71½	46	58·27	4·22	1·95	6·55	...	·51	...	17	46·20	3·37	2·77	3·30	...	·30	...	15·51
Second do. ...	71½	46	62 53	3·42	3·05	2·39	...	·11	...	17	55·37	3·88	..	2·24	...	...	...	10·01
Third do. ...	71½	45	64·91	3·09	1·65	1·70	...	·15	.	17	52·39	3·12	...	·66	.	·11	...	15·23
Fourth do. ...	73	45	65·71	3·61	2·04	·24	...	...	1·00	17	52·90	6·94	...	...	..	...	·06	13·14
Whole Year ...	287½	...	250·42	14·34	9·09	10·88	...	·77	1·00	...	206·86	17·31	2·77	6·20	...	·41	·06	53·89

Analysis of Absence and Work.	Percentage on Whole Period. Males.	Percentage on Whole Period. Females.
At Work ...	87·43	71·93
In Hospital ...	4·99	6·01
Gaol	3·16	
Absent	3·80	3·15
Deterred by Bad Weather.	..	
Holiday	·35	·02
Court	·27	·14
Pregnancy or Nursing.	...	18·75
	100·00	100·00

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture on Ellington, an estate owned by the Mortgage and Agency Company of Australasia in the district of Raki Raki.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for Whole Period.							
		Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.			
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.	
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.
First Quarter	71½	7	12·76	17	10·45	20	6·56	2		..	3	6·28	11	3·34	3	46	8·50	45	8 85	17	3·38	14	4·16
Second do.	71½	4	12·48	11	10·58	30	5·53	1	..	..	1	11·81	13	2 51	3	46	7·37	45	7 47	17	2·56	14	3·19
Third do. .. .	71½	10	12·65	22	10·18	11	6·46	2		...	9	5·75	4	3 21	4	45	9·32	43	9 85	17	3 95	13	5 07
Fourth do. ..	73	11	12·50	19	10·41	13	6·52	2	...	.	8	6·04	6	3·62	3	45	9·59	50	9·97	17	4·01	11	4·98
Whole Year	287½	..		.	.	.	..	.	.	.	.		..	..	..	..	8·64	.	9·03	.	3·48	.	4·32

AVERAGE

AVERAGE number of Days Worked on, and Lost by Absence, Sickness, and other causes, by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture to the Penang Estate, during 1888.

Period	Number of Working-days	Males								Females.								
		Number	Average number of Days Worked by each	Lost by each. Hospital.	Gaol	Absence	Bad Weather	Court	Holiday	Number	Average number of Days Worked by each	Lost by each Hospital	Gaol	Absence.	Bad Weather	Court	Holiday.	Pregnancy and Nursing.
First Quarter	71½	27	57·14	·23	3·21	10·92	...	...	.	10	39·15	...		20·30	..	...		12·05
Second do.	71½	26	59·85	·69	1·84	9·12	...	...		10	33·05	. .	...	24·15	.	...	...	14·30
Third do. ...	71½	26	60·62	·69	9·02	9·98	...	...	...	10	41		...	18·75	.	...	.	11·75
Fourth do. ...	73	26	58·99	2·23	. .	11·78	...	...	...	10	39·10		...	31·40	. .	...	..	2 50
Whole Year ...	287½	26·25	236·60	3·84	14·07	41·80	...	...	.	10	152 30	. .	...	94·60	...	...	..	40 60

Analysis of Work and Absence.	Percentage on Whole Period. Males	Females
At Work ..	82·30	52·98
In Hospital .	1·17	. .
Gaol	3·51	.
Absent .	13·02	32·84
Deterred by Bad Weather.		
Holiday	...	
Court	...	
Pregnancy or Nursing.	...	14·18
	100·00	100·00

WAGES earned during the year 1888 by Indian Immigrants (exclusive of staff) under original Indenture on Penang, an estate owned by C. B. Chalmers, Esq., in the district of Raki Raki.

Period.	Number of Working-days.	Males.							Females.							Daily Average of Wages for Whole Period.							
		Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Whose individual Earnings averaged						No Work and no Wages.	Males.				Females.			
		1s. per diem and over.		8d. per diem and over.		Less than 8d. per diem.			9d. per diem and over.		5d. per diem and over.		Less than 5d. per diem.			Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.		Non-workers included.		Non-workers excluded.	
		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.		Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.	Number.	Daily average.
First Quarter	71½	6	12·02	14	9·39	6	4·53	1	1	9·00	5	7·75	1	2·25	3	27	9·6	26	9·24	10	4·83	7	7·24
Second do.	71½	2	12·12	20	10·69	4	3·05	..	...	...	5	7·89	...	...	5	26	9·79	25	9·98	10	4·06	5	7·69
Third do.	71½	2	13·76	21	10·85	2	5·02	1	...	...	6	7·67	...	..	4	26	9·93	25	10·44	10	4·56	6	7·67
Fourth do.	73	1	12·50	22	10·21	2	5·93	1	...	...	5	7·39	2	3·41	3	26	9·48	25	9·86	10	4·80	7	6·56
Whole Year	287½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	Average Earnings			...	..	...	9·57	..	9·89	...	4·59	...	7·29

Crime and Offences.

22. During the year 15 criminal charges were tried in the Supreme Court against 39 Indians, viz.:—

	Charges.	Immigrants concerned.
1. Murder	1	1
2. Rape	2	9
3. Wounding with intent ...	8	20
4. Robbery from person ...	1	6
5. Burglary	1	1
6. House-breaking	1	1
7. Larceny	1	1
	15	39

They resulted in 23 convictions and 16 acquittals.

Offences against Immigration Laws.

23. The tables subjoined give the charges brought before Stipendiary Magistrates by employers against immigrants, and immigrants against employers, respectively, for breaches of the Immigration Laws.

EMPLOYERS

Province.	Offences against Immigration Laws.																													
	Unlawful Absence.		Failure to complete a given task.		Failure to perform 5½ tasks in a week.		Want of Ordinary Diligence.		Desertion.		Disorderly Conduct or Insubordination at Work.		Disorderly Conduct in Plantation Hospital.		Carrying Working Implements on having Complaints. (Sec. 6, Ordinance VI, 1887.)		Inciting or Persuading others to Desist from Work.		Wilfully Damaging or Losing Property of Employer.		Refusal to Work or to Perform or Complete Allotted Task.		Disobedience of Lawful Commands of Employer.		Committing a Nuisance.		Unlawful use of Fire.		Harbouring Indentured Immigrants.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Rewa	650	261	536	284		..	2		71	14	5	.	7	3	55	...	23	.	6	.		2	..	...	.	1	..	...	...	..
Ba and Ra	837	467	32		11	2	44	11	10	2	17	7	8	3	..	...	2	3	9		3	1		..	6	9	.		1	...
Navua and Serua	51	11	5					...	2		1	.	.	..	...	...	7	...	...	.	..	...	..		..	...	3	..	...	...
Taviuni	103	36	6	1		.	1	.	2		8	2	4	...	...	...	6	...	1		61	7	12	1	...	...	...	..	...	...
Lau							1				1		...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	.	...	...		.	..	..	..	...	..
Town of Suva	2	2		.	.		..	...	..			...	...	...	...	.	...	..	..	...		...	...	...	..	...	.	..	...	...
Total	1,613	777	579	285	11	2	48	11	85	16	32	9	19	6	55	...	38	3	16	...	64	10	12	1	6	10	3		1	...

IMMIGRANTS

Province.	Offences against Immigration Laws.					
	Overtasking		Withholding Wages.		Withholding Rations.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Rewa	*Nil.*					
Ba and Ra						No
Navua and Serua	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taviuni	...	...	...	...	*1	..
Lau	*Nil.*					
Town of Suva	*Nil.*					
Totals	...	...	...	...	1	...

* In this case complaint was made by an indentured immigrant of over one year's residence in the Colony, that The defendant was convicted and fined by the magistrate under section 43 Ordinance VI, 1878. An appeal

versus IMMIGRANTS.

Other Offences.																Results.														
Assault and Battery.		Larceny.		Illegal Detention of Property.		Contempt of Court.		Breach of Licensing Ordinance.		Cruelty to Animals.		Gambling.		Trespass.		Withdrawn.		Dismissed.		Remanded.		Returned to Plantation.		Ordered to be sent to Hospital.		Convicted.		Total number of Charges preferred against.		Total of both sexes.
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
	.	17	2			1	...	...	.	.	...	..	..	..	...	161	70	103	34	...	...	66	45	..	.	1,043	418	1,373	567	1,940
25	6	1	.	1	1	..	...	4	.	1	.	5	.	1	..	29	32	131	84	27	9	9	8			822	379	1,018	512	1,530
		2		.	..	...		..	..				.	..	...	3	1	13	5	1	...	.	...	1	...	53	5	71	11	82
...	...		.			.	.	...	...	..	...	.	..	.	.	11	1	30	5		...	3	2	1	...	159	39	204	47	251
1			1		...	.	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	.	..	..	.	.	.		.	...	...	...	...	3	1	3	1	4
...	...	...	..		..	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		...	..	.	..	...	.	. 1	2	2	2	4
26	6	20		1	1	1	..	4	.	1	.	5	.	1		204	104	278	128	28	9	78	55	2	.	2,081	844	2,671	1,140	3,811

versus EMPLOYERS.

Other Offences.				Results.								Total of both Sexes.
Assault and Battery.		Miscellaneous.		Withdrawn.		Dismissed.		Convicted.		Total number of Complaints preferred by		
M	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Nil.				*Nil.*								
Return.												
2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	2
3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	4	...	4
Nil.				*Nil.*								
Nil.				*Nil.*								
5	..	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	6	...	6

the employer had discontinued rationing his (the immigrant's) child who was under 10 and over 5 years of age. ensued, when the magistrate's conviction was quashed by the Supreme Court

24. The following statement represents the Indian immigrant population of the Colony on the last day of December, 1888, according to returns received; but, it is probable, that all the Births and Deaths are not included.

Year.	Introduced.	Births.	Total.	Passports	Deaths	Percentage.	Remaining at end of Year.
1879	480	1	481	...	17	3·53	464
1880	.	30	494	...	17	3·44	477
1881	.....	12	489	2	13	2·65	474
1882	908	39	1,421	4	31	2·18	1,386
1883.	992	33	2,411	1	102	4·23	2,308
1884	1,977	67	4,352	...	200	4·59	4,152
1885	1,246	78	5,476	10	223	4·07	5,243
1886	994	105	6,342	8	300	4·73	6,034
1887	.....	161	6,195	90	126	2·03	5,979
1888	538	153	6,670	119	181	2·71	6,370

Savings.

25. An account of money deposited by immigrants through the medium of this department in the Bank of New Zealand, is shown below.

Fixed Deposits, 1888.

		£	s.	d.
178	Fixed Deposits for twelve months, at 5 % ...	4,765	15	1
44	Fixed Deposits for six months, at 4 % ...	1,796	8	0
12	Demand Deposits	512	0	0
234		7,074	3	1

In 1885—106 coolies deposited	(say)	£3,470
In 1886—136 „ „		3,753
In 1887—178 „ „		5,077
In 1888—234 „ „		7,074

The increase in number of depositors since 1885 is 128; representing an amount of £3,604.

The average amount deposited was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
In 1885	32	14	8
1886	27	11	10
1887	28	8	1
1888	30	4	7

In 1887, thirty-three deposits amounting to £1,139, and in 1888, twenty-five deposits amounting to £947, were cashed before due date, and interest lost.

Large sums of money, besides those deposited as above were, it is well known, placed out at interest with employers, traders, and others.

26. The sum of £242 15s. was remitted by immigrants during the year to their friends in India, as against £324 8s. in 1887, £282 4s. 8d. in 1886, and £84 4s. 6d. in 1885.

27. The amount collected during 1888, representing Estates of deceased immigrants, was £109 2. 1

Poundage, 5 per cent., paid to Public Revenue	£5	8	10
Balance paid to credit of Deceased Immigrants' Estates	103	13	3
	£109	2	1

The figures only refer to estates of under £25. Other estates exceeding this value are by law administered by the Curator of Intestate Estates, but difficulties before experienced continue.

28. The Destitute Indians' Fund, created by Ordinance IX of 1885, section 5, stands thus for 1888 :—

	£	s.	d.
Amount to credit, 1st January, 1888 .	0	12	8
Received during 1888 . . .	6	10	6
	7	3	2
Disbursements	0	0	0
Balance to credit, 31st December, 1888 ...	7	3	2

LEGISLATION.

29. In 1888, seven Ordinances, relating to or affecting Indian immigration, were passed by the Legislative Council.

Ordinance I.—Related to Return-passages of Indian immigrants, but has been repealed by Ordinance XIX of 1888.

" XII.—An Ordinance to regulate Trading on Sunday.—Eliminated the words "after nine o'clock in the forenoon," contained in previous Ordinance. This was with the view of totally prohibiting trading on Sunday. The Ordinance came into force on 1st August.

" XV.– Was passed for the more effectual prohibition of the use of Intoxicating Liquors by Indians (or Polynesians). Section 2 provides for a penalty of not less than 10s. and not exceeding £10, and in default imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding six months.

" XVII.—Repealed Ordinance XIV of 1887, relating to Indian Interpreters for Courts of Justice.

" XIX.—Repeals Ordinance I of 1888, and provides for Free Return-passages of Indian immigrants and for the commutation thereof upon such terms as may be offered by the Government as equivalent.

XX. –Section 8 provides for the Vaccination of Indian immigrants under indenture and their children.

GENERAL

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30. The number of Indians who received passports and left the Colony during the year compare thus with former years :—

1879	.....	—
1880	.....	—
1881	.....	2
1882	.....	4
1883	.....	1
1884	.....	—
1885	.....	10
1886	.....	8
1887	.....	90
1888	.....	119

Taking the figures for 1888 and births and deaths into account, there were apparently 6,370 Indians in the Colony at the end of the year, inclusive of free coolies.

31. The following licenses were issued during the year to Indian immigrants, and compare, as shown below, with 1887.

	1888.		1887
Hawkers	35	.....	28
Bakers (country)	1	.....	1
Wholesale and Retail Stores (country)	1	.....	2
Retail Stores (town)	11	.....	6
Do. (country)	5	.....	
Coasting Licenses	11	.....	16
Dog Licenses	—	.....	8
Gun Licenses...	6	.....	3
Waterman	10	.....	3

32. Five orphans were provided for in 1888, and the cost of their maintenance was £4 18s., which forms a charge against the Indian Immigrants Introduction Fund.

33. 110 letters were forwarded free of charge; but this custom ceased on 31st March, 1888, and usual postage has now to be paid.

34. Twenty-two (viz., 20 males and 2 females) have entered into further contracts of service for periods ranging from 6 months to 3 years, under Ordinance IX of 1885.

35. Fifty-three coolies have received leases for 53 acres of land at the coolie township, near Suva: 28 of these were granted in 1888.

36. The actual cost of introduction of Indian immigrants compares thus :—

1884	.....	£21 4 1¼
1885	.....	19 2 9
1886	.....	22 5 1¼
1887	.....	None introduced.
1888	.....	23 6 0

37.

37. In conclusion, it will be of interest to mention that by the "Moy," 369 men, 163 women, 143 children coolie immigrants, were introduced during May of this year (1889); that it is evident the cost of introduction has been materially diminished; and, that application for 1,100 coolies has been already received for the year 1890.

I have, &c.,
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